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Aftermath of Attempt on the Life of Trujillo Assassin

The recent attack on General Imbert, one of Trujillo's assassing, continues to pose problems for President Balaguer.

A new police chief has been mamed, partially in response to charges by Minister of Interior and Police Amiama that "unjustifiable errors" had been committed by the police in their search for the gunmen who tried to kill Imbert.

The reason for the selection of General Soto as the new police chief is unclear. His appointment appears certain to draw widespread criticism.

The attack on Imbort appears to have intensified hostility between elements of the anti-Trujillo right, such as Amiama, and "trujillista" palace advisers who have played an influential role in administrative, intelligence, and security affairs. Unless the fears and suspicions arising out of the case are satisfactorily laid to rest, Balaquer may be forced to choose between these two factions. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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